

Camp Brannen
Key West, Feb 21. 1862

Dear friends -

The letter written
by you on the 10th, came this
morning by the steamer Thaddeus.
Gen Brannen and staff came
with her. Only four letters came
in the mail for us, and I
was fortunate enough to get one
of them. I was the envy of the
entire Camp. Your News were
very acceptable but it appears
to me you write very short letters
to a fellow in Key West.

We are
having fine times here. The weather
is awful warm though but we
are getting used to it. I have
bought myself an entire. sent of

linen clothes, so that I am
very comfortable. My Men are
all well - Not one sick
Kemte Billington had the Measles
but is well again. We have
but six Men in the Hospital
and 23 in quarters. That is a
splendid list for 1000 Men
There are now about 10 Mortar
boats in the harbor now &
we expect to be at something
before long.

The news of the success
of the Burnside expedition was
received with joy. Also our
success in Kentucky. Wait
a while and you will hear
news from Ky West

I have
made a number of valuable
acquaintances here. I attended

a party last Monday night
at the Episcopal Ministers, the
Rev Mr. Heerick. His Lady
is one of the most perfect I
ever met. In fact I never
met any couple with whom I
was more pleased. They come to
see me, on Tuesday evening and
made me go with tea with them.
He is the only clergyman in the
seceded State who prays for
the President of the United States.
I think a great deal of him.

It seems strange to hear you
talk of sleighing, while we
are weltering under the burning
rays of the sun. I would
like to have one mile, but do
not expect to get it for
a year yet. Then I will
take a four one

We expect to have a big
time tomorrow. Enclosed
find a programme of the
arrangements

The Mail leaves
tomorrow morning. The N. Y.
Herald says we are to have
a Weekly Mail here now.
I am glad of this, and hope
you will all write every week.
After I mailed your letter
this time.

Remember me to
Grandmother and all the
Uncles. Rees will write to
father by this Mail. Write
soon.

Yours
J. M. M. C.